

Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness

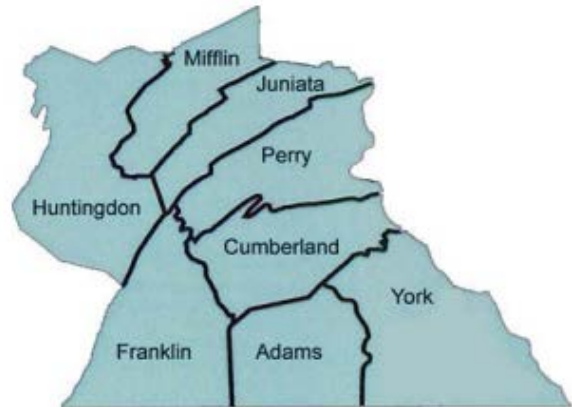
A Students Rights

- The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork normally required
- The right to attend school in his./her school of origin (if this is request by the parent) or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing
- The right to receive transportation to his/her school of origin, if this is requested by the parent
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited

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ECYEH can Assist with:

- Tracking/transferring school records
- Accessing educational programs
- Interagency problem-solving
- Increasing public awareness of homelessness
- Consultations to answer questions
- Training and education
- Outreach visits
- School related items



The ECYEH is a McKinney-Vento funded project of the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12

See How ECYEH Can Help

Our Goal

- Ensure that all children and youth experiencing homelessness enroll, participate, and have the opportunity to succeed in school
- Ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness receive a free and appropriate public education on an equal basis
- Eliminate and/or reduce educational barriers through the use of local "best practices" and the authorized activities of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act
- Reduce the disruption in the educational lives of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Increase awareness about the nature and extent of the problems children and youth experiencing homelessness have enrolling in and gaining access to educational programs
- Explain and build on the laws and policies already in place, which overcome these barriers

McKinney-Vento Act

- Definition of Homeless: "Homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Includes Children & youths who are :

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or
- Abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for a human being
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above

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